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## **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 11, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4 of this paper and include one replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.